

A PLEASANT SURPRISE PARTY.
A handsome present to Ex-Secretary Rush by the Agricultural Department. Employes. Secretary and Mrs. Rush were invited to a pleasant surprise party last night when about 200 employes of the Agricultural Department took possession of their residence on Massachusetts avenue. There was a specially decorated room on the parlor table a water bearing six solid silver pieces, composing a complete tea service. Mr. and Mrs. Rush received their first intimation of the presentation from the remarks of Mr. Willis, who made the presentation. Said Mr. Willis:

We wished to give you a parting testimonial of our esteem, to express in a small degree at least our high appreciation for the kind act and deed that you have manifested to us in the last few weeks. We wanted to let you know that we consider you that there are hearts back here that throb for you and think of you. We shall never forget you. We hope you never will forget us.

Secretary Rush made a reply full of feeling, which he withheld much of the credit won by the department during his administration to the intelligent and cordial support given him by his late associates. He assured them that he need no reminder of the time of the pleasant days spent with them and that, though it would be a mournful moment of their regard, it would ever be rather than an evidence of the kind feeling toward himself and Mrs. Rush so beautifully expressed by his friend and co-laborer, Mr. Willis, than could always be a pleasant place in his heart.

The water bears an engraving of the main building of the department, with the initials "J. M. R." which are repeated on each piece of the silver plate on the case bears the following inscription:

Presented to Hon. J. M. RUSH—Secretary of Agriculture—1883 from his late associates in the United States Department of Agriculture, as a mark of their esteem and regard. Washington, D. C., March 6, 1883.

IT MAY PROVE A MURDER.

William Hall's Assault Upon His Wife With a Knife.

William Hall is the name of a painter from Norfolk, Va., who was committed to jail by Judge Miller today on a charge of having committed a murderous assault on his wife. Although only about thirty years old, Hall has been married three times, and he is known to have ill-treated at least two of his wives. His last marriage took place about three months ago. His wife owns a house on Wiltoner street, between 6th and 7th streets, just south of Florida avenue, and there the couple made their home.

Hall had assaulted his second wife, for which he served ten months in jail, and yesterday he threatened to kill his third wife. After treatment, only he would make it more severe. This time he used a knife, and inflicted a wound in the left side, just below the heart, which is of so serious a nature that it may cause her death.

A CRY OF MURDER.
The affair happened about 5:30 o'clock yesterday, and the first known of it by outside persons was when they heard a cry of "murder." Hall ran from the house, and then returned, and was arrested by Policeman Wright Hawks.

There are two sides to the story, and the police are inclined to believe that the wife's side is the correct one. She said she had been getting along very well until her husband reached home, and when he entered she was putting the dishes on the table. He had ill-treated her before, but she had forgiven him, and yesterday, as on the other occasions, he assumed that she had done so. Her husband first slapped her in the face, and then stabbed her. She said she knew of the charges he had made against her, but that they were false.

The husband says he is unable to live with his wife and goes with his mother. He claims that she is the woman he has for his conduct.

Policeman Henderson and Dr. Murphy dressed the wound of Mrs. Hall, and while they found it to be a dangerous one, they were unable to tell what will be the result.

This morning the patient seemed considerably better.

AT THE RIVER FRONT.

ARRIVED.

Sloop Fannie Schuster, Slatina, Saint Mary's river, 400 bushel oysters. Schooner Ella Covington, Turner, Nantucket, 500 bushel oysters. Schooner Maiden, Roberta, 400 bushel oysters. SAILEEN.

Sloop Emma Arthur, Cheshire, Saint Mary's river. Schooner G. T. Grady, Shreve, Saint Mary's river. Schooner Anna, 400 bushel oysters. Schooner Vane, Saint Mary's river. Schooner Pennsylvania, Saint Mary's river.

Along the Wharves.

This has been the greatest Mount Vernon day of the season. Both the River Queen and the Maclester carried down limit loads. The ferry boats and the electric railway did a rushing business. But for the inclement weather it is thought that the Mount Vernon crowds would have been larger than they were during camp week.

The schooner Ella Covington, Capt. Turner, brought up from New Haven, N. Y., to port in it, is said, twenty years. They are exceptionally fine specimens of those famous oysters and are selling ready at \$1 per bushel.

C. G. COOPER & CO., Two Friends, up today from Maryland Point, bring twenty-seven pairs of caned-back chairs, three pairs of mallards and one red-head. All these, the captain says he killed in four shots. The exhibit evoked great interest of curiosity along the front.

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